Rs. 101.4 lakhs has already been released for these schemes. The details are given in statement.

(e) There are no heritage hotels of ITDC and BTDC in the State of Bihar.

(f) and (g) Development of tourist spots is primarily the irresponsibility of the State Government However, the Department of Tourism, Government of India extendes Central Financial assistance for specific tourism projects submitted during the duration of 5 years Plan by the State Government/Union Territories Administration, based on their merits inter-se-priority and availability of funds.

Statement

Projects/Schemes sanctioned during 1993-94, 1994-95, 1995-96.

S.No.	Name of the Project/ scheme	Amount Sanctioned (Rs. in lakhs)
	Bihar	
	1993-94	
1.	Yatrika at Patna Saheb	21.93
2.	Yatrika at Deoghar	21.93
3.	Cafeteria at Jhumari Tilaiya	0.75
	Total	53.61
	1994-95	
4.	Tourist Complex at Muzaffarpur	27.07
5.	Tourist Complex at Jamshedpur (Chandel)	26.56
6.	Wayside facilities at Masanjore	8.48
7.	Wayside facilities at Kuju	8.96
8.	Tourist Complex at Deogarh	27.00
9.	Water sports equipment	14.05
	Total	112.12
	1995-96	
10.	Touris resorts at Getalsud	48.00
11.	Development of Palna	27.49
12.	Refurbishment of Gloghar, Patna	33.00
13.	Publicity Programme	5.00
14.	Fairs and Festivals	3.03
	Total	116.52

[English]

Two Tier Committee

4124. SHRI MADHUKAR SARPOTDAR : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is fact that "Two Tier Committee" has been set up by the Airport Authority Mumbai, after discussion held recently with Civil Aviation Secretary and Government of Maharashtra to study the questions of slum dwellers occupying its land and their rehabilitation problem;

(b) if so, whether the Committee has submitted its report; and

(c) if so, the recommendations of the Committee?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Committee has submitted a draft Report which is yet to be adopted. The Recommendations will be made public, after the report is finalised.

Appointment on Compassionate Grounds

4125. SHRI K. PARASURAMAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of persons appointed on compassionate grounds in Southern Railway during the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that there are large number of persons still waiting for appointment on compassionate grounds;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the reasons therefor; and

(e) the time by which these persons are likely to be appointed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on table of the Sabha.

Recruitment by Corporate Office

4126. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether about 70 employees of Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) recruited by Corporate Office on and after 01.01.89 have been given IDA pattern pay scales whereas about 70,000 employees on deputation to MTNL since its formation on 01.04.86 continue to draw CDA pattern scales despite assurance that terms and conditions will be finalised within six months;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the employees working in MTNL on deemed deputation have been absorbed and are covered by service conditions of MTNL;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) The Government employees who are on deemed deputation to MTNL are drawing Government pay scales. Out of these employees, the non-gazetted staff are being paid additional ad-hoc payment of Rs. 100 p.m. since 1.9.90. Since the case of their absorption in Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited has not yet been decided, they are not covered by MTNL service condition so far.

[Translation]

Air Crashes Under Investigation

4127. SHRI VIJAY GOEL : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the number of aircrashes under investigation at present;

(b) the names thereof;

(c) the number of aircrashes where investigation have been completed so far; and

(d) the time by which the ongoing investigations are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) to (c) Of the 8 accidents to civil registered aircraft which took place during the period from 1st January, 1996 till date, investigations of 3 have been completed and following 5 are under investigation :-

(1) Accident of M.P. Government Chetak hilicopter near Bhopal on 25.8.1996.

(2) Accident of Ahmedabad Aviation Academy Cessna 152 aircraft at Ahmedabad on 5.11.1996.

(3) Mid air collision between Saudia B-747 aircraft and Kazakhstan IL-76 aircraft near Charkhi Dadri on 12.11.1996.

(4) Accident of Blue Dart B-737 aircraft at Bangalore on 28.12.1996.

(5) Accident of Kerala Aviation Cessna 152 aircraft at Bangalore on 22.2.1997.

(d) It is not possible to give the time by which these investigations will be completed, at this stage.

Encroachment of Railway Land

4128. SHRI RAMCHANDRA VEERAPPA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the large scale encroachment on the land belonging to South Central Railway in Guller Haveli Bider, Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to protect the above railways land?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) At Guller Haveli Bider, triangluar track used to exist for turning of Steam Engines. After dieselisation, this facility was not required. So, the track was dismantled.

In 1984, some encroachments were noticed. Railway took immediate steps to protect the land by constructing Boundary Wall. The encroachers filed a suit in the Court against the Railways and got interim stay.

(c) The Railway has taken action for conducting joint survey alongwith Revenue department to demarcate Railway boundary.

[English]

International Flights from Trivandrum Airport

4129. PROF. P.J. KURIEN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the number of international flights originating from Trivandrum airport;

(b) whether there is any proposal to increase the number of flights from this airport in the near future; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) 56 international flights are being operated from Trivandrum Airport per week at present.

(b) and (c) Decision to operate additional flights are taken by the concerned airlines based on their commercial judgement, depending on traffic requirements, availability of aircraft capacity etc.

Facilities withdrawn for Ex-MPs in Rajdhani and Shatabdi Express Trains

4130. SHRI NIRMAL KANTI CHATTERJEE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that facilities for Ex-MPs to travel in Rajdhani and Shatabdi Express Trains have been withdrawn;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to restore these facilities for Ex-MPs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (c) The facilities available to Ex-MPs for travel by Rajdhani and Shatabdi Express trains on the authority of Complimentary Card Passes were withdrawn on 22.01.1997. They have since been restored on 21.02.1997.